XM radio should be able to give us an alternative to the local fm radio. I think XM radio is a great source to people who travel. I can just click on the radio station to get the local weather and traffic conditions for that city. The station never changes. I look at the grid and choose the city I want. I do not know a local FM station that does just that. I only know of one station that does offer weather and traffic all the time in the area in the area and it is AM. It can not be compared to XM's coverage. It is very noisy and scratchy. It also does the weather on the 8's of the hour and traffic on the 2's or something like that. If I was to have to scan the local FM band for weather and traffic my finger would go numb. I think that XM entry in to the radio business is healthy for the market place. It will make the local stations try just a bit harder to please it's listeners.. Not to mention XM is a pay service and as I see it, it is in a class of it's own. If they offered the service for free I might feel differently.
Thanks for your time,

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